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Oil and Gas lease sale assessment for lands in Moffat County available for public comment

CRAIG, Colo. – The Bureau of Land Management Little Snake Field Office today released a preliminary environmental assessment for public review that evaluates offering 9 parcels totaling 7,435 acres north of Craig in its Feb. 13, 2014 competitive oil and gas lease sale.

These parcels are identified as available to oil and gas leasing under the current resource management plan for the Little Snake Field Office. The RMP identifies what restrictions, or stipulations, are included with the leases.

Nineteen additional parcels were nominated totaling 16,941 acres in priority Greater Sage-grouse habitat in Moffat County, but will not be offered in this lease sale. Of the 7,435 acres being considered, 2,078 are BLM-managed surface and 5,357 are private lands with federal minerals.

The EA, a list of the parcels and the attached stipulations are available online at www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/lsfo.html and at the Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson in Craig.

Written comments must be received by Sept. 3, and may be submitted via e-mail to lsfoweb@blm.gov or by mail to the Little Snake Field Office, 455 Emerson St., Craig, CO 81625.

For additional information on the February Oil and Gas Lease Sale, visit: http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/BLM_Programs/oilandgas/oil_and_gas_lease/2014/february_2014_lease_sale.html

The State of Colorado receives 49 percent of the proceeds of each lease sale. In Fiscal Year 2011, Colorado received more than \$154 million from royalties, rentals and bonus bid payments for all federal minerals, including oil and gas. Statewide, there are more than 22,900 jobs tied to mineral and energy development on public lands.

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